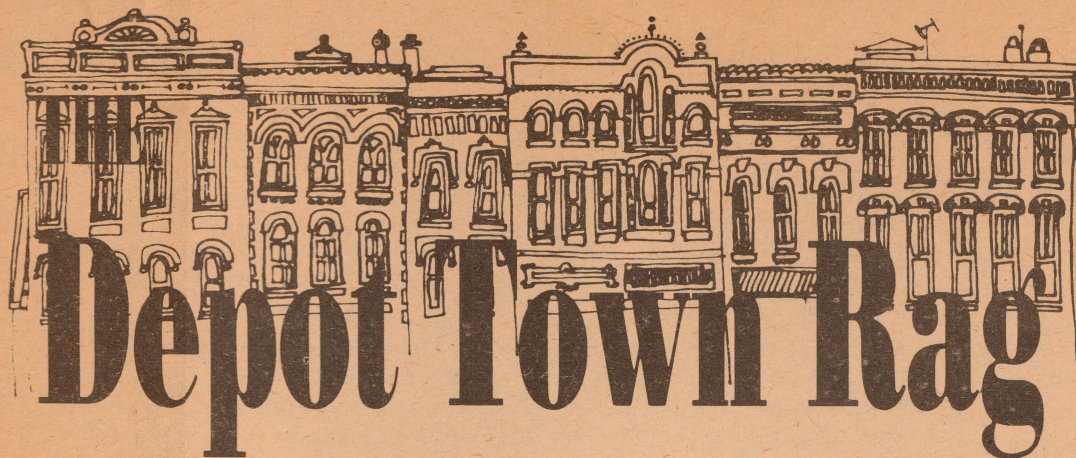




Depot Town Rag



APRIL 1983
MEETINGS

Depot Town Merchants' Committee
7:30 pm, Thursday April 14
Depot Town Association
7:30 pm, Thursday, April 21
Depot Town Foundation
8:00 pm, Thursday, April 28
all in the caboose

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The Caboose, 400 Market Place, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

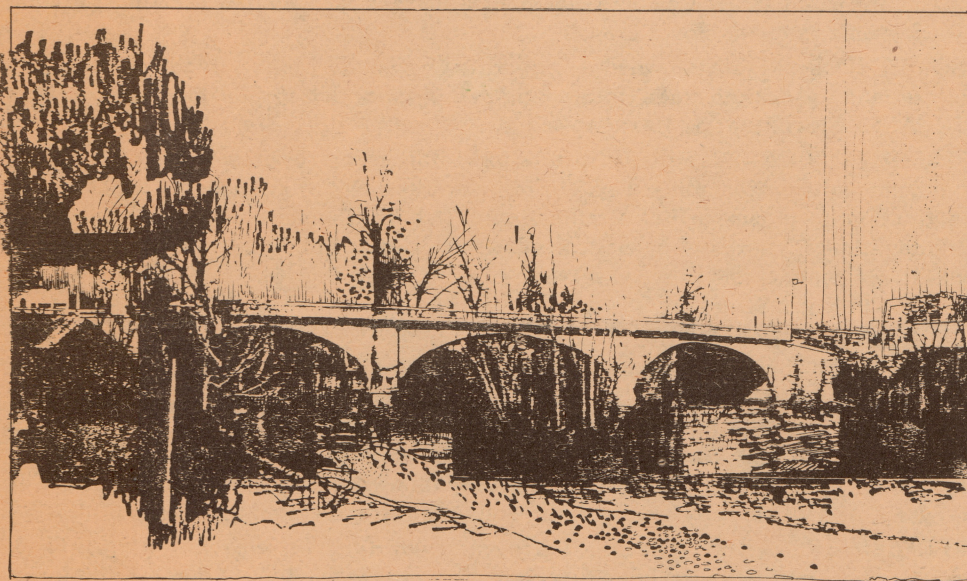
1. AMTRAK OK's 30-YEAR LEASE ON M.C.R.R. DEPOT

2. D.T.A. APPROVES "EASEMENT" TO GUARANTEE PERPETUITY OF HISTORIC CHARACTER

3. H.D.C. WORKING WITH DEVELOPERS FOR PLAN OF BUILDING

Today's new worry: what will be the effect of our crumbling Historic District Ordinance upon the restoration and rehabilitation of the Ypsilanti railroad depot?

This has got to be the one project in the block with which everybody identifies most closely. It's not only the focus of the neighborhood, it's plans have been up and down like a ten-cent Yo-yo in recent years to the point where there seems to be really no news forthcoming on the project. At this moment, the following players are in place: contractor, developer, architect, management, investors, railroad, city and the neighborhood. Our "watched pot" is about to simmer, at least. Quite an accomplishment in these economic times.



CROSS STREET BRIDGE - 1983

TOM DODD

BRIDGE IS FESTIVAL THEME

After years of apologizing for what wasn't completed for Festival Time (Farmers' Market, Riverside Park) Festival planners have chosen the demolition of our bridge as this year's theme. Rather than say, "Sorry, but we're tearing our old bridge down," we're going to announce to the world that, "This is the last chance to see the old beauty before it goes." Watch for it on new posters, in art and music. What can you do to enhance our old friend? "Hey, buddy? See that bridge over there? Listen. I can get you a good price on that number."

SANDWICH BOARDS AN OLD TRADITION

No one is walking underneath those Depot Town sandwich boards yet, but we won't be surprised to find this block's enterprising entrepreneurs paying some kid to parade around the block a few hours a day -- wearing those signs which now grace the sidewalks in front of so many of our businesses. Sandwich boards, worn and walked about - or simply lean-to-ed out front, are an ancient advertising tradition so appropriate for this block.

Our favorite is the Andy Gump cut-out at ...AND EVERYTHING NICE, simply holding a tiny sign which says "open". It's surely a symbol loved and remembered by their younger clientele.

DEPOT EXCHANGE proclaims "antiques bought and sold" and is so much more welcome than those plastic, day-glo models seen in suburbia. This one's a remake, painted over an old, steel gas station easel with warm, earth tones and old style lettering.

The HEALTH EMPORIUM'S metal sign hangs in a similar easel, but swings in the wind. A nice touch.

Board pup tents signify the action at PHANTOM, MAILBOX, ROSEMARY'S, CHARISMART and JACQUELINE'S BOUTIQUE. Watch the creative touch under the pup tent at MILLER'S ICE CREAM PARLOR. It hides a much-needed wastebasket; so handy for napkins and unfinished cones not wanted on the sidewalk.

Biggest sandwich board on the block, of course, is the four by four job for the FARMER'S MARKET, mounted on large casters and rolled to curbside on Wednesdays and Saturdays. DTA/WEMU add the JAZZ logo to it for every concert in the freight house.

BELL'S PIZZA proclaims now-and-again specials on their board.

All this graphic design is right down on the sidewalk, a handy place to lean your bike or leash your dog. They're a welcome addition to our reclaimed streetscape.

Crazy, They Call us

Special thanks to Susan Oppat of the Ann Arbor News for her creative article (March 16, 1983) about this creative neighborhood. We're pretty good at grinding out our own hype, but it's always lots of fun to see how others interpret our actions and deliberations.

Dear Depot Town:

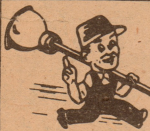
Superb article! Keep up the good work and please don't abandon us in the CBC...

Betty Campbell and Carol Warner,
Frenam & Bunting, Inc.

Allene Green contributes the following list of more "crazy" suggestions for the Depot Town crazies:

- ☐ square dance groups
- ☐ collectors of train artifacts
- ☐ family reunions
- ☐ wedding receptions
- ☐ HO and other train buffs
- ☐ whittlers and carvers
- ☐ theater in the round (Dallas style)
- ☐ chess clubs and tournaments
- ☐ class reunions
- ☐ pageants and contests
- ☐ coin collectors
- ☐ ecology center
- ☐ dance studio
- ☐ skateboard derby
- ☐ music teachers' quarters for private lessons
- ☐ spot for kindred souls from AA Ark
- ☐ liars' club
- ☐ gourmet food meetings
- ☐ public declamations, soap box style
- ☐ resale book shop
- ☐ Greek games event
- ☐ Ypsilanti needs an open sidewalk or "garten"

For other "crazies" to frequent to read, write, listen, paint, etc. durable agreeable weather periods. Why not in Depot Town?



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AROUND THE CORNER, AROUND THE CORNER...

Ypsilanti is not the center of the universe. It's decidedly off-center. And Depot Town? Well, Depot Town is far to the left of that. Not the main drag, Depot Town is the epitome of a back street neighborhood. But, what about those parts of our district which are even around the corner from that? The north block of River Street can be easily seen from our center. Here we see Rich's Cabinetry, Michigan Scenic and Fantasee Lighting...and across the street from them is Jack Miller's venerable establishment. But what about those who are still further down the street, across the tracks and behind the Sidetrack?

Val Cooper has been holding forth in Depot Town for at least twenty years now and has fixed TV's in three locations that we can remember. Charismart displays some of the fanciest homemade craft work we have seen in ages and brings employment to many creative folks in the area. And now, it's VINTAGE PASSIONS. Adding to the growing trend to collecting everything from previous periods in history, VINTAGE PASSIONS beautifully complements DEPOT EXCHANGE, JAMES MAC DONALD ANTIQUES, APPLE ANNIE'S, PHANTOM OF THE ATTIC, OLD TOWN TREASURE and the MILLER MOTORS collection.

Situated at 310 N. River Street, VINTAGE PASSION is NOT a massage parlor for senior citizens. It is, however, one of many unique antique/collectable shops in the district. Owner, Linda Williams originally from Detroit area, aided and abetted by Virginia Phillips, her mother, have on display one of the finest collections of unusual and different costume jewelry and vintage clothing and accessories...featuring fabulous rhinestone necklaces, pins and earrings, Deco jewelry and collectables from that era. They should be a great addition to Ypsilanti and Depot Town. Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday noon - 5 p.m.



The Rag would like to welcome several new businesses to our block. Adding to Depot Town's wide range of stores are...

SOMETHING SPECIAL, owned and operated by Sandy Knight. Sandy offers expert alterations and custom made clothing. Something special is located in the OLD TOWN TREASURE SHOP at 32 East Cross.

THE METAL WORKS is an artist's studio for metals, primarily brass. Everything here is hand made the old fashioned way. The Metal works offers a variety only limited to your imagination. Co-owners Rick Berthelot and Richard Rice team up for an unbeatable combination. Richard has been involved with 16 Hands Gallery in Ann Arbor where he was the co-founder and has also served as director of Artworlds. The Metal Works is at 206 North River Street.

JACQUELINES BOUTIQUE: With the summer closing in on us so fast, we at the Rag know you will be thinking of getting some summer clothes lined up. Jacqueline's Boutique, located at 25 East Cross is the place to visit, carrying the most up-to-date gently used women's clothes and boasting a wide variety of sizes from threes to a whopping forty-eight. She can fit you. Jacquie has been located here in Depot Town for two and a half years. Upon looking for a location, she noticed how Depot Town is growing, and wanted to be part of our wonderful little town on the tracks.

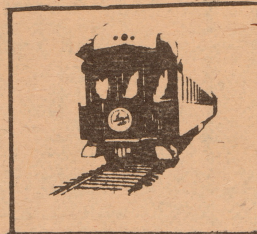
REDSTONE POTTERY: The Rag staff recently paid a visit to Redstone Pottery, a visit I would not soon forget. First I had to make my way to the dungeon of the Dodd building. Upon finding my way through the endless maze of dark walls, I saw the light at the end of the tunnel. Quickly I made my way to the lighted area only to see a medium sized woman covered with red clay dust. Is this Judy, I asked myself? Just then Judy noticed someone was standing in the door. "Hey, get out of my light!" she explained. I was quick to oblige. Soon Judy began throwing pots and firing everything in sight. You see, Judy is getting ready to take her merchandise (freshly baked) to the Farmer's Market where she sells her functional stoneware. Judy Andrews, who signs all her work as "Jandy", is an EMU graduate, class of 1968 and has resided in Depot Town since 1975 where she has been involved with many community organizations such as DTA, the Farmers' Market and the DTA/WEMU Jazz Festivals. Thank you for being part of our Depot Town, Judy.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE "RAG"

It's going to be difficult for me to leave Depot Town and the nearby East Side in the next month. My love affair, a long term relationship since 1974, has ranged from observer to actively involved to semi-retired "East Sider" but always one of those "on call". I've watched Depot Town change from derelict to the present prosperous area, typified by the glowing Victorian decorations at Christmas time. So, while it is with sadness that I leave this area and the friends that live here for wedded bliss in the desolate suburbs of Canton, it is also with an overwhelming sense of pride for what Depot Town has become and where she is heading. And with that in mind, I will conclude by saying that, after all, I'm only moving a little further east and I'll continue to be on call - for you, Depot Town!

Sincerely,

Linda C. Lemke
7079 Willow Creek
Canton, Mi 48187



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EUREKA!

A popular exhibition of important inventions by small business people, will be in Michigan beginning April 16. This 1,500 square foot exhibit, sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, honors the innovative genius of a dozen Americans whose inventions literally changed the way we live and work. The EUREKA exhibit will be featured at the Michigan Technology Fair at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 16 and 17. It will then be moved to the IMPRESSIONS 5 MUSEUM in Lansing for three weeks beginning April 23. The people in Michigan will now have the opportunity to join the more than one-half million people across the country who have enjoyed the EUREKA exhibit since it opened in 1980.

OVER 190 TONS RECYCLED

Since opening in May of 1980, our recycling community has grown to over 300 Ypsilanti households. These committed recyclers have collected more than 190 tons of "refuse?" for recycling over the past 33 months. These materials have been marketed, re-processed, and re-manufactured into new, useful goods and products- instead of being dumped and forever buried at Wayne Disposal landfill (Ypsilanti's dumping ground). Besides the energy and resource savings, their efforts have directly saved the city several thousand dollars in dumping fees and have established an on-going community recycling center in Ypsilanti.

Congratulations - keep on recycling as much as you can and spread the word about our successful recycling center.

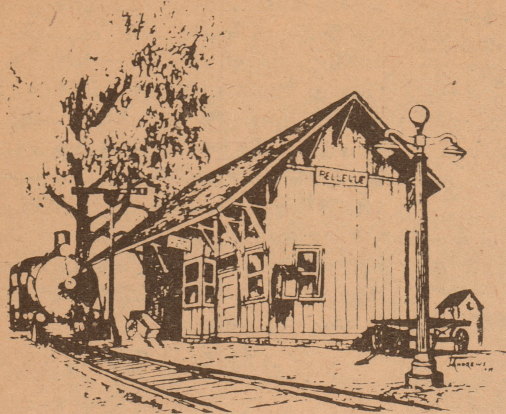
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POSTER DESIGN CONTEST FOR SMALL BUSINESS

The theme, "There's No Business Like Small Business", must be included in the design of the 1983 Ypsilanti Small Business Week poster. The wording, U.S. Small Business Week, May 8-14, 1983, must also appear. Designs should show the importance of small business to Ypsilanti. The poster should be designed in no more than two colors on white paper measuring 16" x 20".

A committee consisting of representatives of small business and the graphics community will select the winning design. Copies of the design will be distributed and posted locally. Prizes will be announced at a later date. Submit your entry to the Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce, 11 North Adams.

100-Mile Excursion Train Trip



BELLEVUE, OHIO

The people of Bellevue, Ohio are every bit as crazy as most Ypsilantians we know. They behave with old trains the way we do with old buildings. A delegation of Depot Towners toured their fascinating railroad museum recently and found an enthusiastic crowd of people not unlike ourselves. Sure, they sound like Ohioans, and Bellevue is surrounded by flat, fertile farmland, but the highlight for our railfans was that four different railroads converge upon their town, with a like number of depots, too. At any given moment one can hear a freight moving in the yard, and most of these Ohioans know the crews first hand. they all work together on bringing in unique rolling stock for the museum or for their own private collections.

The Mad River and NKP Railroad Society, Inc. publishes a calendar much like our Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation's excellent publication, but theirs is all Railroad stuff to be found in their community. The locomotive appearing on this page is from the 1983 collection. It will be pulling the excursion train.

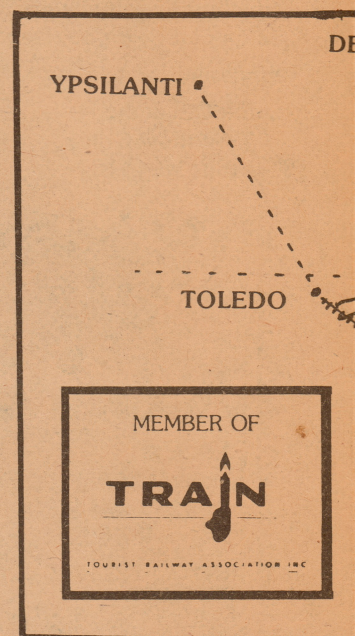
Bellevue is due south of Sandusky, and just south of the Ohio turnpike. Our style is to avoid such flashy highways and take the back roads. You never know when you'll find another depot town. (Clearly, such neighborhoods don't usually appear on Main Streets or near the freeway exits.) And find one, we did! Driving into Bellevue on Route Two from Toledo is much like seeing a stretched-out version of our own North Huron Street. These elegant

Victorian manses have left much more space between them and sit on palatial and rolling lawns. Downtown Bellevue will be of special interest to our historic preservationists: nearly all of their cornices are intact, even though some are painted gorgeous decorator colors like aqua and coral. Although they have no officially designated historic district, they've managed to preserve their built environment. Oh, the permatone covering the American Legion Hall looks a lot like our Eagles' club, but, by and large, their three-block-long business section is amazingly free of "remuddling."

The best (and only, to our observation) restaurant in town is McLain's, which will remind our gang of the back bar at the Sidetrack. They to, are reasonably proud of that spellbinding woodwork and point with pride to the traditional lemonade which kept them in business during prohibition and is still served daily. Overhead fans in the bar are powered by long belts which were originally water-powered from the nearby creek. The restaurant is a 1979 addition next door and is every bit as nice as Haab's or Woodruff's Grove. We met fourth generation owners, Mark and Casey and they gave us the first clue as to the sisterliness of our neighborhoods. Mom

ITINERARY:

8:30 am Depart YPSILANTI FAMOUS MARKET. Charter bus.
10:00 am Depart TOLEDO, OHIO Depot
Special 17-car train with steam engine.
Arrive CLYDE, OHIO for photo run-by in which passengers de-train, train is backed up, speeds by for pictures, backs up again, loads and on to.....
1:15 pm Arrive BELLEVUE, OHIO
Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum
Lunch on your own, picnics or McLain's
Tour spectacular Victorian business District.
4:00 pm Depart BELLEVUE, OHIO
Board charter bus.
7:00 pm Arrive TOLEDO, OHIO
Board charter bus
8:30 pm Arrive YPSILANTI MARKET



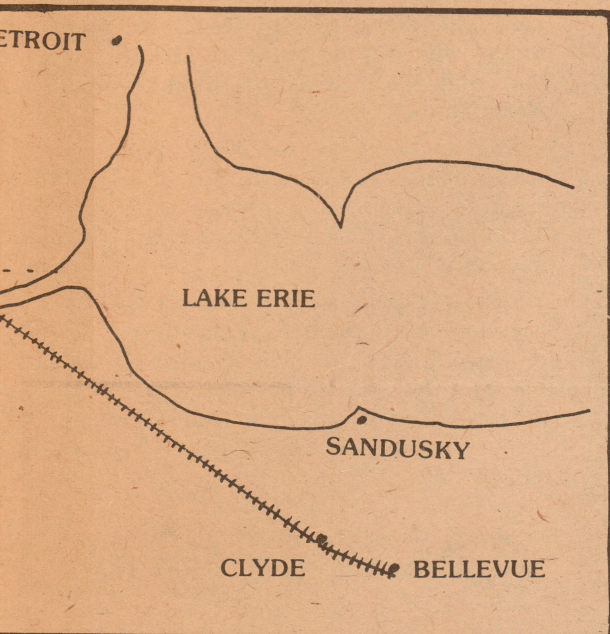
McLain stopped in too, and invited us back. We returned. And will again.

A short walk away is the railroad museum of the MR&NKPRS, Inc. In the space the size of Depot Town's Farmers Market which held one small rail siding. they have added track for all their seventeen cars on display and even convinced the Ohio National Guard to move a beautiful board-and-batten depot forty miles for them. Their stock includes engines and artifacts, sleepers, box cars, flat beds, a mail car, a diner, a coach, the original aluminum dome car, and many others. We felt like backsliders with five spurs in Depot Town and only one lonely caboose in residence.

Right next door to the museum is a brownstone Richardson Romanesque church which is for sale and crying out for a Gandy Dancer treatment. Shedd, Kornilakis and French might want to expand to Ohio.

Most impressive of all were the side tours through town that day: we climbed on board countless other privately-owned rail cars (which will make up the May excursion train). These coaches, sleepers, diners, and club cars are the projects of families who bought them from divesting railroads

To Depot Town's Sister City



OHIO'S
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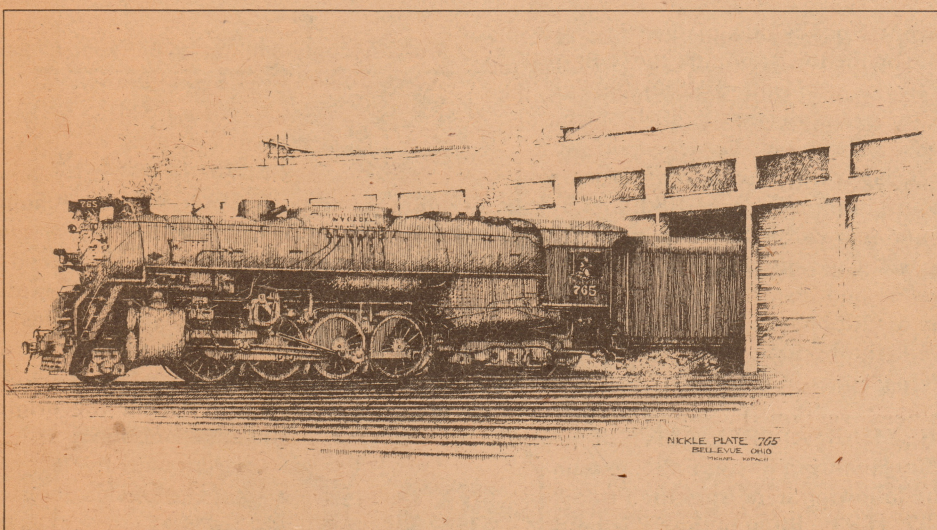
and are restoring them to their original form and function. We sat with an imaginary Jimmy Stewart and Eva Marie Saint on "North By Northwest" and fantasized about the remance of the rails as made real by these magnificent ninety-ton dream cars. They are in various stages of repair and are all scheduled for completion for the excursion in May. Here is another neighborhood which works well with prioritizing and meeting deadlines.

Other than being a railhead, Bellevue's claim to fame and fortune was the fact that it was the home town of Henry M. Flagler, the standard oil magnate who, as a retirement project, laid track into the state of Florida, all the way to Key West. He made his first big bucks in Bellevue, however, and it was his loan which got the Rockefellers their start in the business. Although Flagler's home was turned into YMCA and later demolished, the carriage house still stands--right next to the Railroad Museum.

All in all, this will be a special day for Depot Towners. We're reserving a whole car for the event, and, if need is there, can arrange for even more space with enough lead time. Don't worry about being isolated with a bunch of the same old crowd. You are free to stroll the length of the train and rub against those Ohio folks who are every bit as gregarious as Depot Towners.

Send your request for reservations to the caboose at once.

The DTA Caboose
400 Market Place
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The special excursion train will be powered by steam engine number 765, a Nickle Plate Berkshire 2-8-4, built at the Lima Locomotive Works in 1943. One of the largest steam locomotives in operation, Michiganders will recognize its cousins on the Pere Marquette lines (1225 in Lansing). Primarily used for high-speed freight between Chicago and Buffalo, the 765 was also pressed into passenger service.

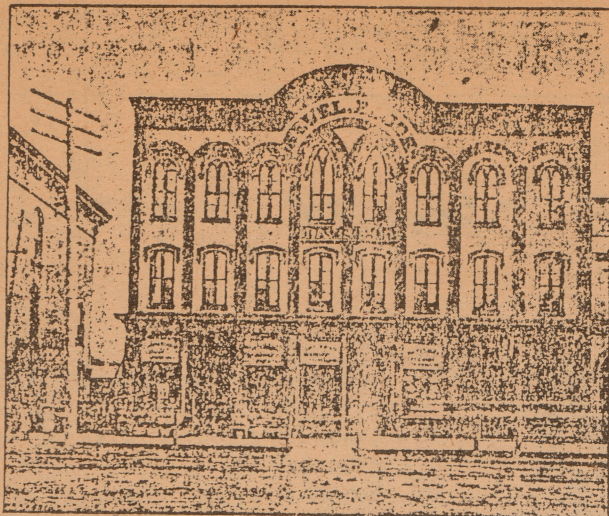
FARES

Adults \$25.00
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includes bus and train.

Checks payable to the *DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION, INC.*

D.T.A. Caboose
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Make your reservation today, since space is limited.



THE NEWELL BLOCK

One of the Prominent Landmarks at the Depot, still in service.

Away back early in the '50's, Josiah Newell erected a wooden building at the corner of Cross Street and the alley known as Ninde Street, which he occupied as a saloon and bowling alley. On the west side of the same property, occupying a part of the ground now covered by the Newell Block, stood a frame hotel known as the Bucklin House. In the fall of 1858, the editor of The Commercial was working the Ypsilanti Herald office then located on the opposite side of Cross Street, and boarded at the Bucklin House; and he retains to this day a very vivid remembrance of an attack of ague with which he was afflicted in that house - for which the doctor prescribed hop tea and quinine in most unhomopathic doses - and how he sat out at the rear of the house on sunny afternoons in a vain endeavor to get warm.

That whole property was burned out in 1859 when Masonic Block across the alley, where the Herald office then was, went up in smoke; and in 1860 Mr. Newell built the brick block that still bears his name, and which has borne a prominent part in the history of "The Depot" for an entire third of a century. Its career has been somewhat checkered, with numerous occupants and various businesses. We have interviewed a half dozen "oldest inhabitants," who have the items stowed away in the pigeon holes of their memories, but no two of them recall things in the same order. Mr. Newell opened a bakery in the west store, where Locke's bakery now is, and was succeeded by Case & Baker, changing to Case & Simmons (James Case and Calvin Simmons). In the other two stores, now occupied by Davis & Co.'s mammoth double store, there have been Forbes & Bradley, grocers; Havens Brothers, grocers; Stebbins & Durand, grocers; Johnson & Co., dry goods; Pusey Bros., dry goods; Clark Bros., dry goods; Wm. Deuress,

groceries. In '81, when Shier & Davis (Geo. Shier and D.L. Davis) were burned out on the north side of the street, they occupied a store there until their quarters were rebuilt. Geo. Neat occupied the stores with a grocery, and opened them together with an arch as at present. Then Mapes occupied the double store with dry goods a year or two; Ely & Ely had groceries in one for a year, and Dr. Knapp had a drug store in the other.

David & Co. moved in from the north side of the street four years ago and opened the fine double store that they have since conducted there, carrying groceries, crockery and dry goods, and have had a prosperous business.

The second floor is occupied with tenements, and on the third floor are the halls of Washtenaw Lodge of United Workmen, and Queen City Hive of the Ladies of the Maccabees. The block is owned by Mr. Wm. B. Clarke, who came into possession by foreclosure of mortgage in 1880; and he repaired and renovated the whole property when Davis & Co. rented it, repainting the block outside and inside, so that it is now one of the creditable properties of the city. Mr. Newell, the builder, died a few years ago at Petoskey.

(WE ARE MUCH APPRECIATIVE of the work of City Historian Foster Fletcher who dug up the following item from the Friday, October 27, 1893 edition of the "Ypsilanti Commercial". The NEWELL BLOCK, now owned by Sally and Rex Richie, houses Ike's Barber Shop, Miller's Ice Cream Shop, Mrs. Hall's streetside apartment and several more swank "tenements" on the second and third floors.)



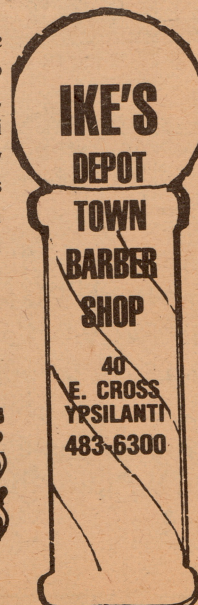
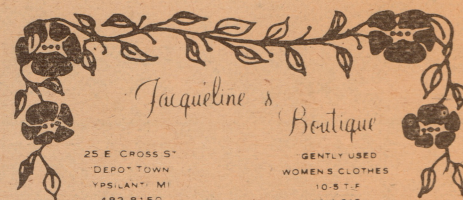
WE DON'T SAY "YPSI"

Oh, sure. You've heard others say it, but they're probably talking about some other part of the city. We certainly don't say "Frisco" and no one would say "New" for New York City. Does anyone call Detroit "Dee" or Ann Arbor "Ann"? No first names here. Let's show some respect.

Even non-Greeks love the unique syllablic slide of YP-SI-LAN-TI. Real old timers slip in an extra vowel at the end...and it's just gorgeous that way: Ypsa-lan-tia.

And, as long as we're talking about our proud address, how many ads from this block say "Depot Town" or "Historic Depot Town" in the text? Just about everybody, any more.

More and more lately, folks don't want to become confused with the remuddling ethic of strip city development found through-out the country. Interesting comparison: an informal count recently found more businesses open in Depot Town than at Arborland!



OLD IS NEW - STILL MORE !

Flashing electric signs now recall the nineteenth century lettering styles, even though the originals were painted on rough boards and nailed to the wall. The only board signs found in these swank surroundings are cute reproductions calling attention to boarding house rules, Chinese hand laundrys, blacksmith shop prices, and houses of ill repute - almost none of which are still in operation in those neighborhoods. "Don't shoot the piano player," they intone. Indeed, just pull the plug if you have tired of Beatles tunes done in ragtime style.

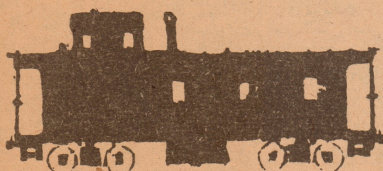
If every stained glass lamp shade found in the greater Ypsilanti area were an original, Louis Comfort Tiffany' studio would have to have been the size of today's General Motors. Or even yesterday's General Motors!

Victorian clothing is making a comeback, too, with formal shirts on the men and frou-frou blouses with poofy sleeves on the women. Photographers will rent these duds for whole families to pose for a sepia-toned portrait. Future historians will be confounded by such artifice. Please write the date on the back -- in a fine old Italian hand, of course.

Hometown, you see, is back, and it's big business on the lonely highway. Stop in at Bob Evan's country kitchen soon, and see how easily Aunt Martha makes you eat all your vegetables. Let us hope the health department is on to her and rules out the community stew pot, the outdoor privy and that cat over the stove's warming oven. Why, some enterprising rascal might steal a pie off her window sill while she rings up a sale on her computerized cash register.

For most of these new yesteryear establishments, the old days were simply pre-recession days, when consumers wanted slick, speedy service on formica and stainless steel countertops, illuminated by fluorescent lighting and served by a beehive hair-do clad in a white nylon uniform with a fancy pink lace hanky pinned to the bodice. Today's crowd has come to accept Colonial light switches and stereophonic dry sinks, so why not give them Mom's back porch in the deal too? It's better than visiting the in-laws, and you can put it on your MasterCard.

Nostalgia is not what it used to be.



FARMERS' MARKET

Make a place in your mind and later put on your calendar:

* Possible expansion of TAKE FIVE, the McCracken's coffee shop to six days a week, with a magazine rack and book exchange in addition to Brazilian Santos, Sumatra and Kenya AA fresh roasted coffee.

* The French Bourgeois onion, the shallot, a member of the lily family, is not to be confused with Gene Shalit, a critic, although Jean Copenhagen, a vendor, is selling them at the market. It adds a bit of continental flair to your cuisine. And for your epicururean edification, her favorite mushroom sauce recipe:

¼ pound Mushrooms
5 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons finely chopped shallots
salt to taste if desired

Freshly ground pepper to taste
¼ cup dry white wine
2 tablespoons heavy cream

Rinse mushrooms and pat dry. Cut into thin slices. There should be 2 cups.

Heat tablespoon of butter in small skillet and add shallots. Saute. Add mushrooms and sprinkle with salt and pepper. When mushrooms are wilted add wine and let simmer about 3 minutes.

Put mixture in food processor or blender and blend thoroughly. Return mixture to skillet and bring to simmer. Swirl in remaining butter. Add heavy cream. Yield: about 1¼ cups.

* A Mothers' Day flower show with a springtime sea of color inside and out. We're aiming for Saturday, May 7th.

* Scrabble competitions on Wednesdays in the coffee shop. In search of an ultimate authority: does anyone have an extra pocket-sized OED? (Oxford English Dictionary)

HISTORIC EAST SIDE ASSOCIATION'S WALKING TOUR will take place on Sunday, May 8 and Saturday, May 14. It begins at the Depot, then to Cross, Park, High, Grove and ends at the Gilbert house. This remarkable neighborhood walk drew more than 300 last year. Depot Town merchants may wish to compliment the effort.

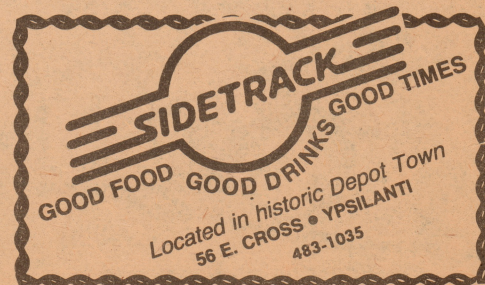


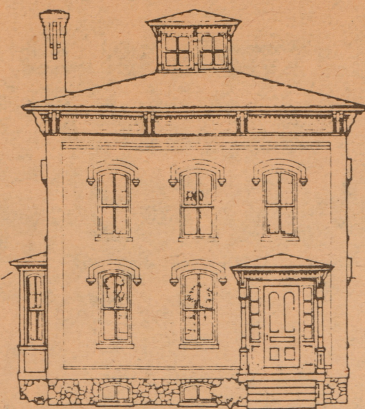
McKeever to Offer Graphics Workshop

Ever watch how easy it seems for DTA president Carolyn to knock out those elegant signs? The Merchants Committee has asked her to share some of those tricks with us for the design of show cards, posters and signs in the block. She'll do it soon. As soon as she gets back from her hiatus on the city council and gets her paint brushes going again. A much needed service. Watch this space.



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GUIDED WALKING TOUR

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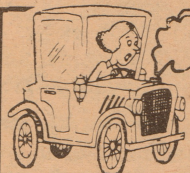
OVER SEVENTY NEW MEMBERSHIPS LAST MONTH

Sally Richie's one-person campaign to renew old memberships has paid off...in both old and new members in the Association. We don't know why it never occurred to us before, but Sally's nicely printed little card just reminded folks of our three kinds of membership (\$10 associate, \$25 regular and \$100 patron) and the response was most enthusiastic. DTA will (1) mail "The Rag", (2) you are eligible for low cost group insurance and (3) (perhaps the best of all) new members have an open invitation to serve on committees with the most exciting personalities in the area. You read all about those "crazies" in the Ann Arbor News, didn't you?

We're happy to welcome all these new folks aboard, but beware: all our railroad lingo aside, we are NOT a passenger train. We're a freight consist, and all of us are crew. There is plenty of work to go around.

D.T.A. MEMBERSHIP CARD DISCOUNTS

Depot Town Merchants Committee announces discounts available at once, in all businesses in the block. Just show your DTA card and you're entitled to at least ten percent off on items in nearly every shop and facility on the street. Specials are displayed throughout the district. Flaunt it. If you've got it.



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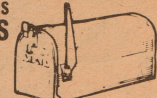
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At the Farmers' Market Freight House

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Graduate School of Architecture

Class presentations and Faculty Jury
4:15 pm THE DEPOT TOWN STREETSCAPE
5:15 pm RECEPTION with community organizations

RSVP: Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce
11 South Adams Street, Ypsilanti
482-4920 Marge Forman